

Service Date: July 26, 1983

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application)	
Of The TOWN OF CULBERTSON For)	UTILITY DIVISION
Authority To Adopt Increased)	DOCKET NO. 83.5.35
Sewer Rates.)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5006
)	

On May 5, 1983, the Town of Culbertson (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its sewer rates to provide revenues to defray increased costs of operation and to maintain and repair existing systems.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice Of Opportunity For Public Hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the June 12, 1983 edition of the Billings Gazette and the June 16, 1983 edition of the Culbertson Searchlight. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by July 12, 1983 an appropriate order may be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No protests or requests for public hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. On May 2, 1983 the Town Council of the Town of Culbertson passed Resolution No. 206 setting sewer rates at the proposed

level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to provide for increased costs of operation and to repair the existing system.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$11,500.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.

2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The rates as set forth in Appendix "A" attached and by this reference incorporated herein are authorized.

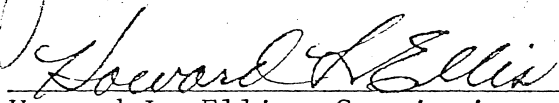
2. These rates shall be effective for all sewer services rendered on and after July 25, 1983.

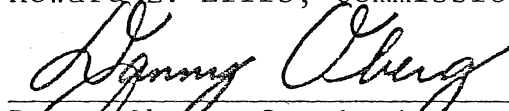
DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on July 25, 1983 by a 5-0 vote.

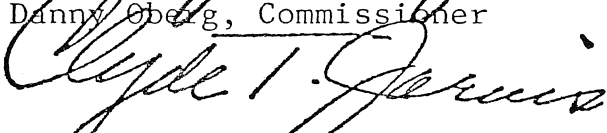
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


Thomas J. Schneider, Chairman



John B. Driscoll, Commissioner


Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner


Danny Oberg, Commissioner


Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Madeline L. Cottrill
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.

APPENDIX "A"

November thru March:

Commercial Minimum Rate	\$2.50 plus .07¢ per 100 gals.
Residential Minimum Rate	\$1.50 plus .07¢ per 100 gals.

New users fee prior to establishing a rate \$4.00 flat rate per month.

April thru October:

Commercial Minimum Rate	\$2.50 plus .07¢ per 100 gals.
Residential Minimum Rate	\$1.50 plus the average of water used during the five winter months of November, December, January, February and March at .07¢ per 100 gals.

New Sewer Line Charges - Residential	\$ 75.00
New Sewer Line Changes - Commercial	\$150.00